

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** with residents in Beaufort as early as 1760, the Jewish population originally met for worship in homes, apartments over stores, and other locations; and

**WHEREAS,** by 1905, the Jewish community had increased sufficiently to support the construction of a synagogue, and Beth Israel Congregation was granted a charter by the State of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Beth Israel has become an enduring presence in Beaufort, with services continuing in the original synagogue dedicated in 1908; and

**WHEREAS,** Beth Israel Congregation is commemorating 100 years of spiritual worship, education, fellowship and faith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2005, as

### BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the synagogue and its congregation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**